

## Feral Hogs in Culpeper County

On January 24, 2006, various State and Federal agency representatives, several local landowners, and interested hunters met to discuss possible solutions for eradicating Culpeper's feral hog population.

Mr. Ron Hughes, Wildlife Biologist for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries considered the feral hogs "nuisance" wildlife and added that they could be baited, trapped and hunted Monday through Saturday, day or night as state law permits. Mr. Hughes explained that you cannot use any bait that may attract deer, turkey or bear, nor can you hunt them using a spotlight attached to a vehicle. Mr. Hughes encouraged the hunting of the feral hogs in hopes of decreasing their population.

Mr. Dave Blixt of the U.S.D.A. Wildlife Division also encouraged hunting of the feral hogs. He added that eradication of the total population of the hogs would be a very difficult if not impossible task.

Dr. Ronald King of the Virginia Department of Agriculture expressed concern regarding possible diseases that the hogs may carry that could be transmissible to domestic livestock. Dr. King encouraged hunters to collect vials of blood and take them to the Warrenton Regional Laboratory for testing.

Board of Supervisors member, Mr. Bill Chase explained that as with all "nuisance" wildlife, the Culpeper County Department of Animal Services (Animal Control) does not provide services for landowners with nuisance wildlife problems, but deal only with domestic animals and livestock. However, they can provide contact numbers for several agencies that may be able to answer your questions regarding wildlife problems.

Culpeper Department of Animal Services 540-547-4477.

*Many area hunters have expressed interest in hunting the feral hogs. The following list presents those hunters who have volunteered to assist landowners in resolving the landowner's feral hog problem. The hunters are not employees or agents of the County. The County has no knowledge of or responsibility for the qualifications or activities of the hunters; nor for the existence, health, or condition of the hogs. Landowners may choose to call upon those on this list at their discretion. Hunters must receive permission from landowner before entering private property.*

Va. Sportsman - Mark Bonner 703-791-5449  
or cell 703-791-3959

Va. Sportsman - Ray Lerner 703-670-2824

John Mullins, Chris Mullins cell 540-437-8554  
(daytime) or home 540-743-7912

Fair Chase Hunt Club -Larry Commes 540-937-6044  
or 540-272-5406

Rick Kelly, Jr., Rick Kelly, Sr., Austin Kelly  
804-633-5575 or cell 540-850-4060

Jonathan Sampson cell 571-264-8007  
or home 540-891-5443

Paul Bruce 937-6555 -does not use firearms  
Uses dogs

Robert Saunders -540-869-0961 cell—703-296-4945

Ronald P. McDowell—wk 202-708-0614 ext 2757  
Home 301-464-3241

Barry Buckley 540-788-3448 or 540-740-3929

Ira McDowell wk - 347-4914 or home 364-3873

Orville Tanner 540-905-0178 or 540-635-1904

William Wolff, Bobby Booker, Daniel Cousino  
703-630-0899

Mark Fike 540-775-5171 or 540-538-5428

Rodney Hawkins 547-4414

Roger Embrey 540-659-0927

Gary Langhorne 540-788-1443

Bob Lovett 703-407-4700 (cell)

Michael Carneal 703-928-7633

Penelope Vass - 540-718-0352

Greg Gulick - 540-788-1709

Tim Robinson -540-222-5352

Richard Bryce - 540-212-3926

Michael Plant 540-788-1719

Francis Curtis 540-373-5731

Sean Bradshaw 540-379-1934

Robert Hoffman 540-288-9406

Garnet Largent 540-635-8741

David May 540-636-9279

Shan Faggard 540-659-2072

Jimmy Hooper 547-4667

Doug Dickens 540-872-5911

Neil Aylor - 547-2546

Andy Wright 854-5229

Martin Barr & Sons 540-895-9468

Dean Jennings—571-436-0651

John Arnold—937-6676

Arthur Carrol 703-753-5277

Brian Scarbrough 825-0402

Justin Embrey 540-219-5054

Dwight Jenkins 540-742-1875

John McGam 540-752-2189

Richard McCormick 540-752-0115

Dan Figgins 540-312-1953

Keith Johnson 540-661-7210

Larry Miller 540-635-1497

Andy Payne - 540-832-3521

Roger Corbin Jr. 540-948-5478

Eric Smith 540-672-3356

Zack Eckard 937-6577